

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) on Saturday will host U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack at a series of events on the Central Coast.

"I'm proud of the strong relationship I've forged with USDA and with Secretary Vilsack," Rep. Farr said before the visit. "The Central Coast grows the food Americans should be eating, so it makes sense that the federal government will look to us to take the lead on a range of issues, from food safety to nutrition to conservation."

SATURDAY, August 21

1 p.m. Field Harvest Tour

Congressman Farr and Secretary Vilsack will tour a leafy green harvest site. The tour will include a demonstration of leafy green harvest techniques, a review of food safety practices, a sample Leafy Green Marketing Agreement audit and an opportunity for discussion. Media will have the opportunity to view the tour and engage participants in one-on-one interviews.

Location: Merrill Farms/Dole Lettuce (Field Block 3), Nashua Road, 1/4 mile south of Monte Road intersection, Salinas

In addition to the field tour, Congressman Farr and Secretary Vilsack will be traveling to a local ranch to discuss conservation and water issues and later will tour the Agricultural Research Station in Salinas. Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) and local agriculture representatives will also be attending.

For more information on this event, contact Congressman Farr's district office at 831-424-2229.

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